505
KNOCK
KNOCK

C...
KNOCK
KNOCK
COMING!

KNOCK
KNOCK
KNOCK
BANG
BANG

WHO IS IT--
505
HUH?

FLIP

HERE.
I BOUGHT CLOTHES TO CHANGE INTO AND GOT SOMETHING FOR THAT GUY WHILE I WAS AT IT.
TOSS

YOU CAN HAVE IT.

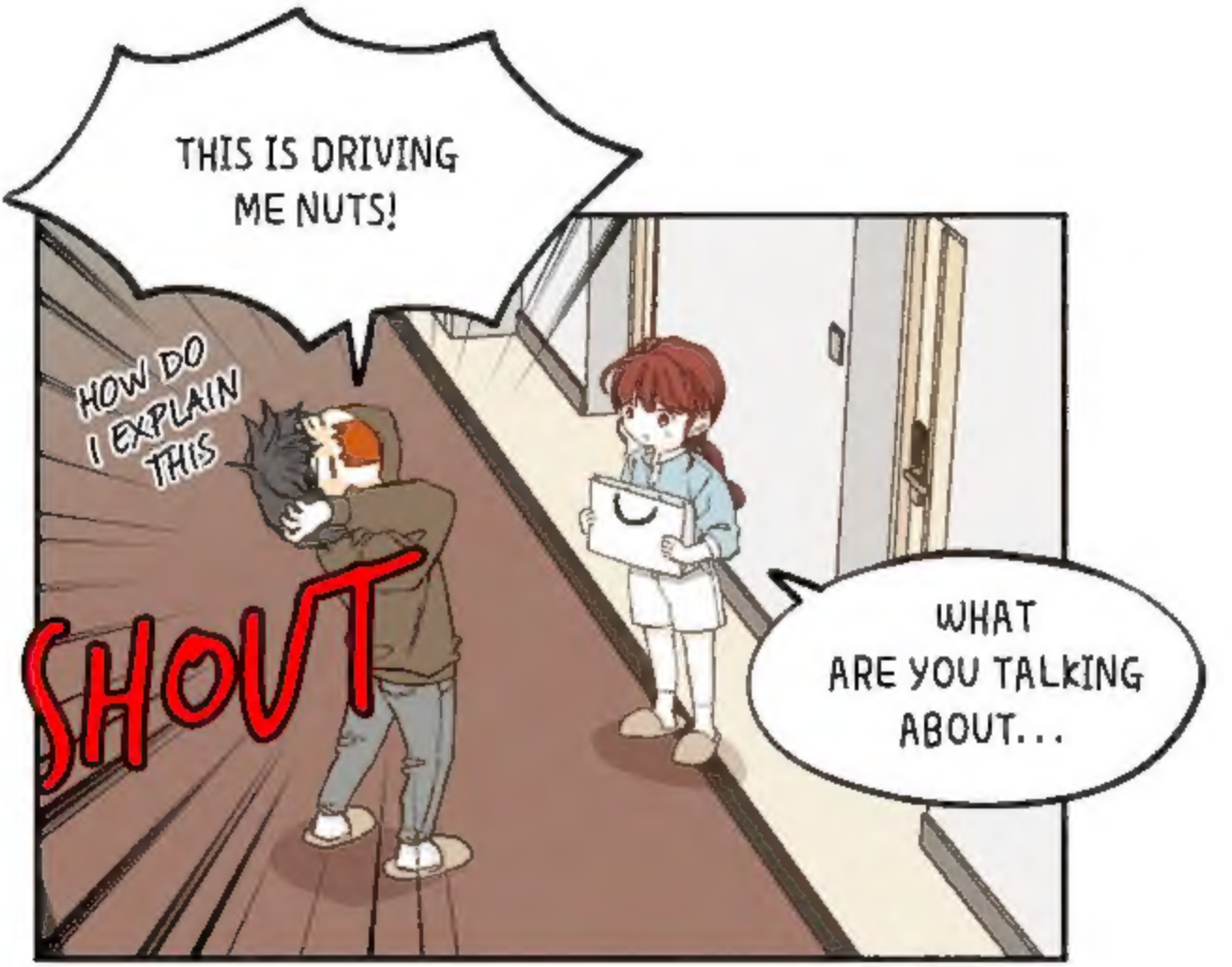
SO THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE INTO.
FRILLY FLORALS
WHAT ABOUT IT?!

ARE YOU DOING THIS BECAUSE YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT EARLIER?
I DIDN'T CRY BECAUSE OF YOU, SO IT'S OKAY.

I KNOW THAT TOO! BUT...
...IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THAT...

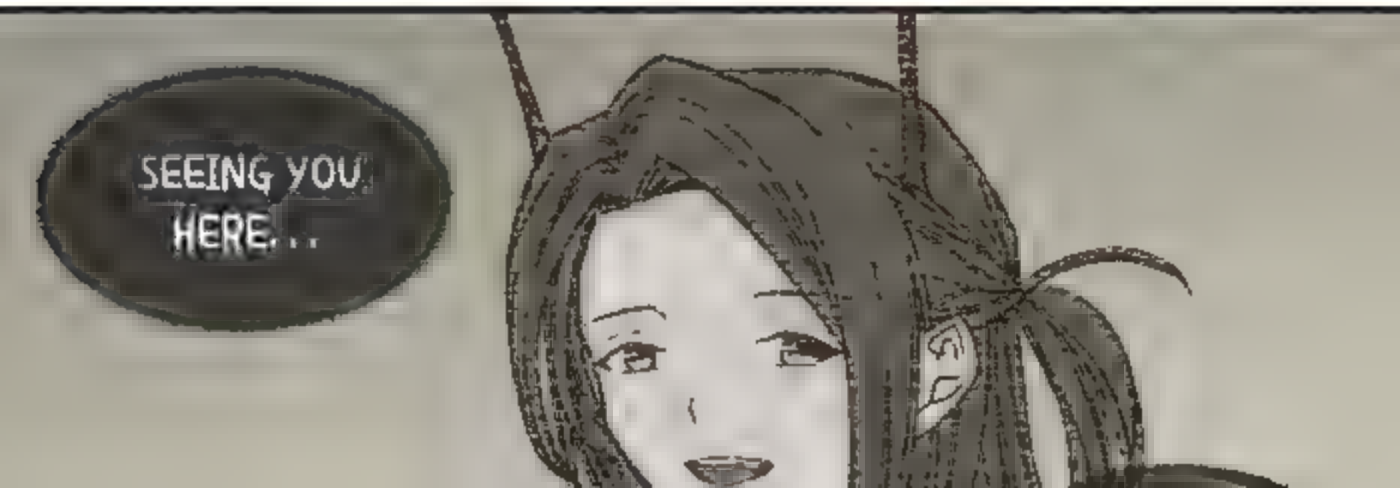
IT'S NOTHING THAT I SHOULD BE SORRY FOR,
A LONG TIME AGO, SOMEONE THAT LOOKED LIKE ME DID SOMETHING BAD TO SOMEONE THAT LOOKED LIKE YOU...
HOW DO I SAY THIS?
ANYWAYS, HE DIDN'T DO IT DIRECTLY, THERE WAS A MISUNDERSTANDING...
NO, IT

WAS HIS FAULT.
BUT IT--


THIS IS DRIVING ME NUTS!
HOW DO I EXPLAIN THIS
SHOUT
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...

I FEEL A LITTLE LESS NERVOUS TALKING TO YOU, THOUGH.
I WAS KIND OF SCARED...

HUH...?


SEEING YOU HERE...

...MAKES ME A LITTLE LESS NERVOUS.
HUH...?

I'LL GET GOING, THEN--
WHOA!
GRAB

W-WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH? UM, I MEAN...
W-WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

HUH?
THE...
SEOMJIN RIVER.

How to become

A DRAGON

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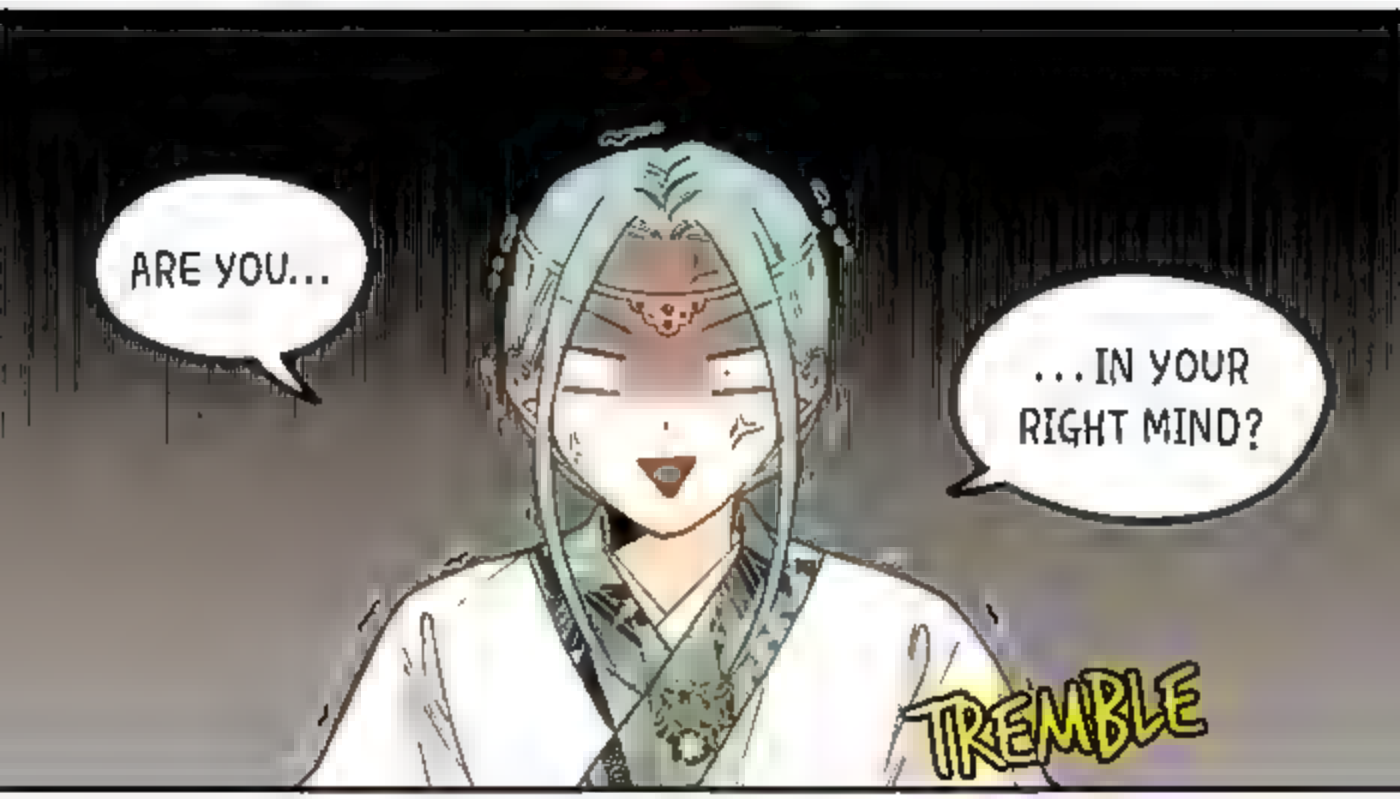
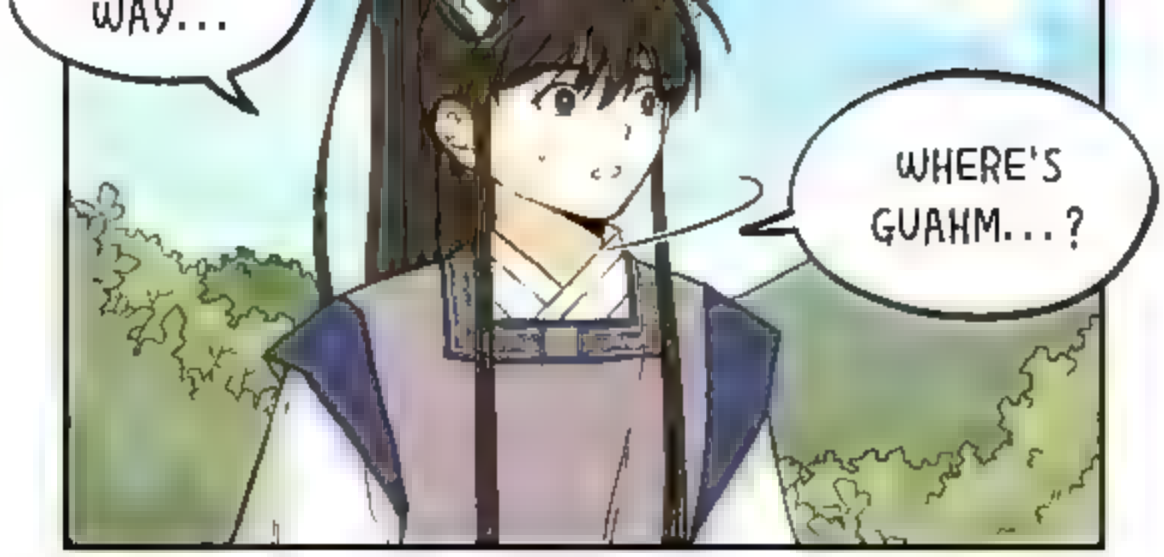

ARE YOU...
...IN YOUR RIGHT MIND?
TREMBLE

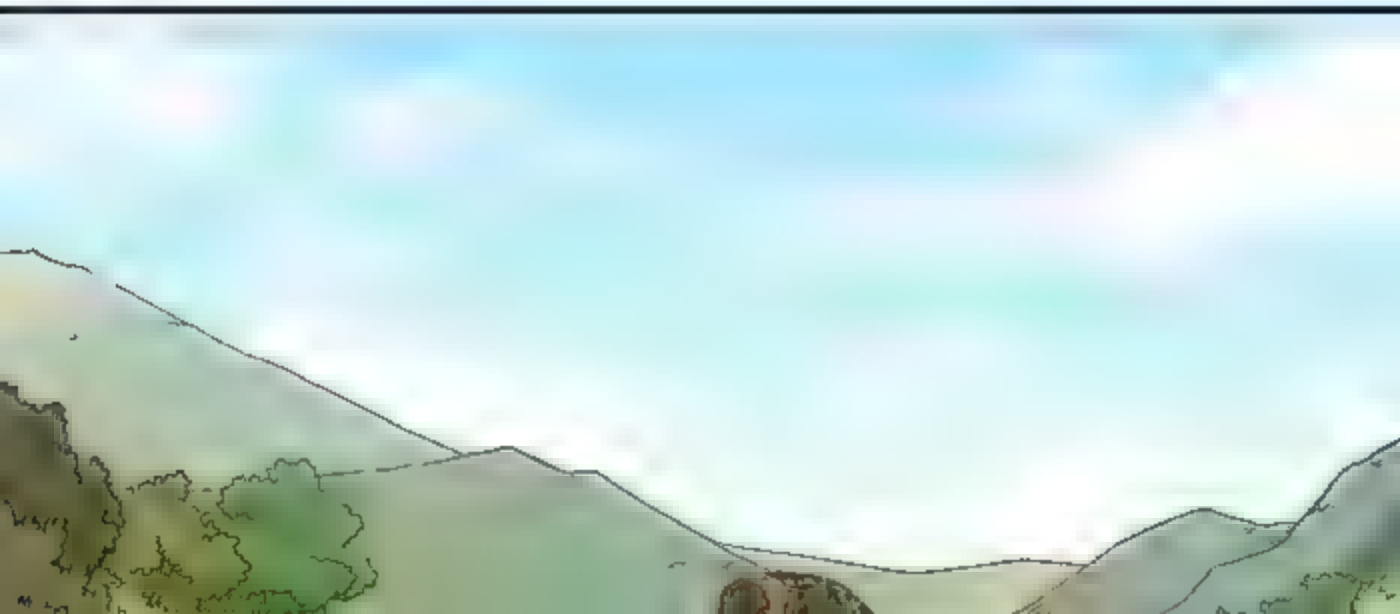
WE'RE NOT ASKING HIM TO FIGHT FOR US, IT'S JUST THAT THEY HAVE SIMILAR RANKS.
WE'RE JUST ASKING HIM TO HAVE OUR BACKS.
CAN'T HE DO THIS FOR US?

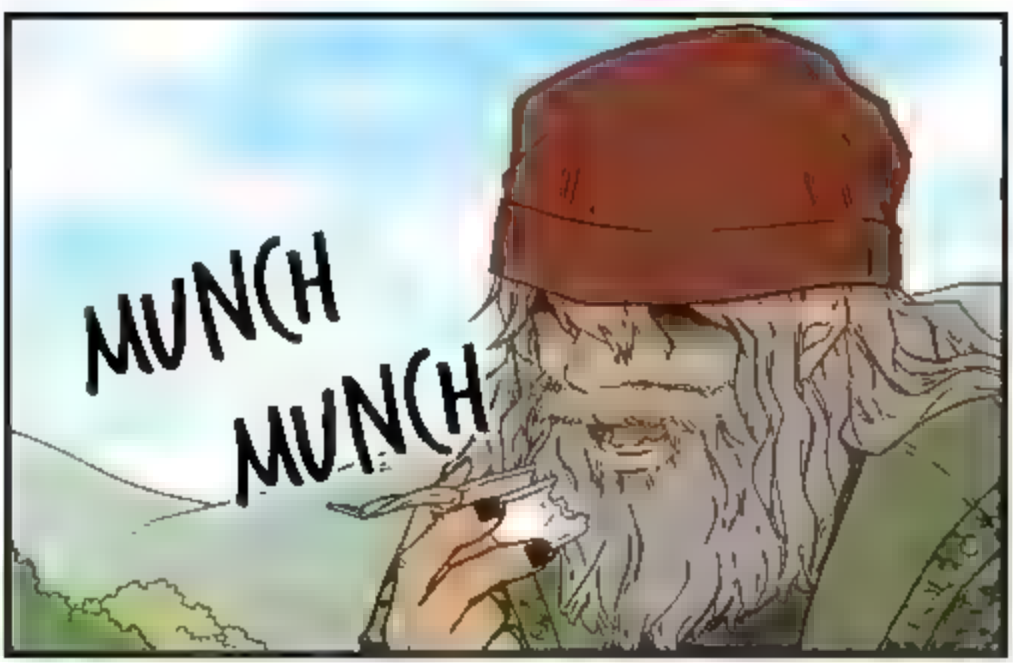
WE EVEN GOT HIS TONGUE

BACK!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO KEEP SPOUTING NONSENSE, THEN GET OUT OF HERE!
LEAVE!

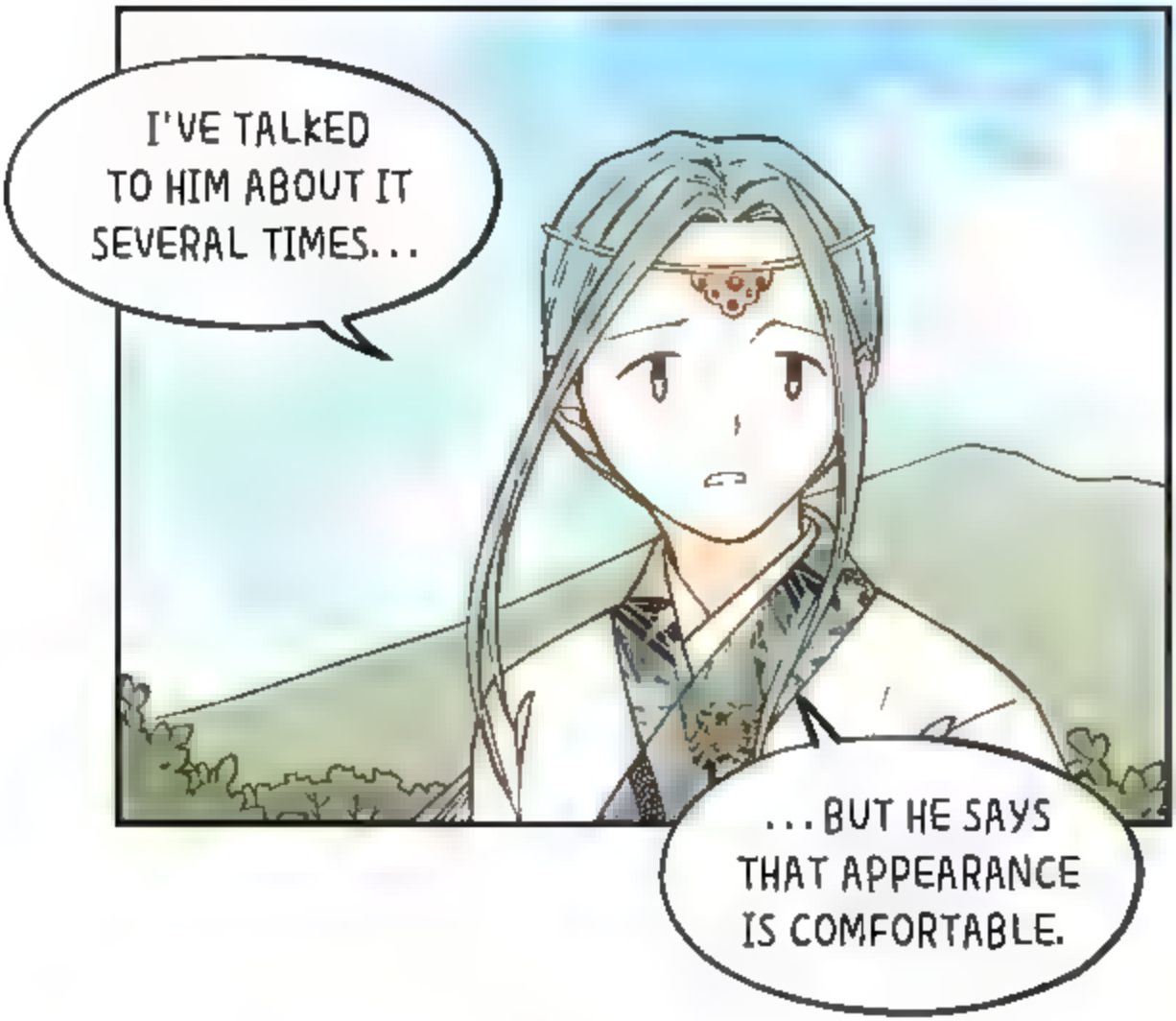
BY THE


WAY...
WHERE'S GUAHM...?




MUNCH
MUNCH

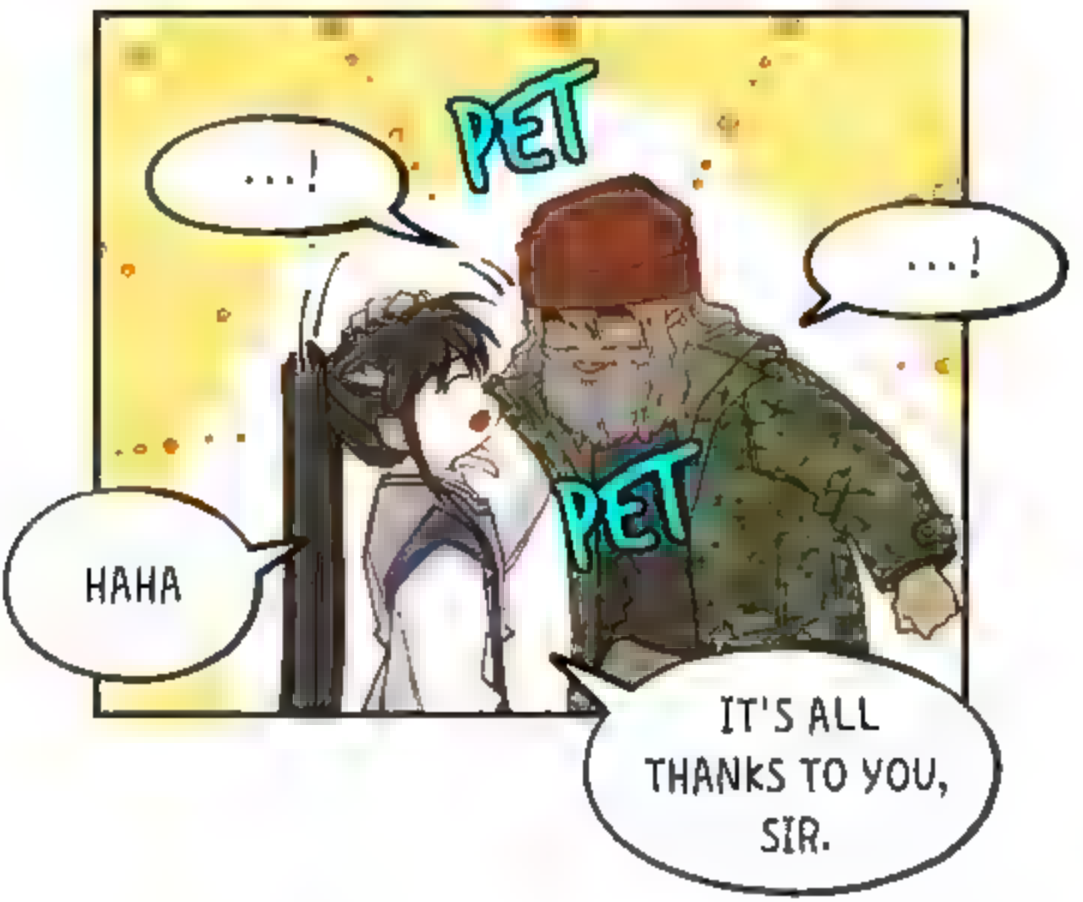
WHY IS HE DOING THAT?
WHY IS HE DOING THAT?
...

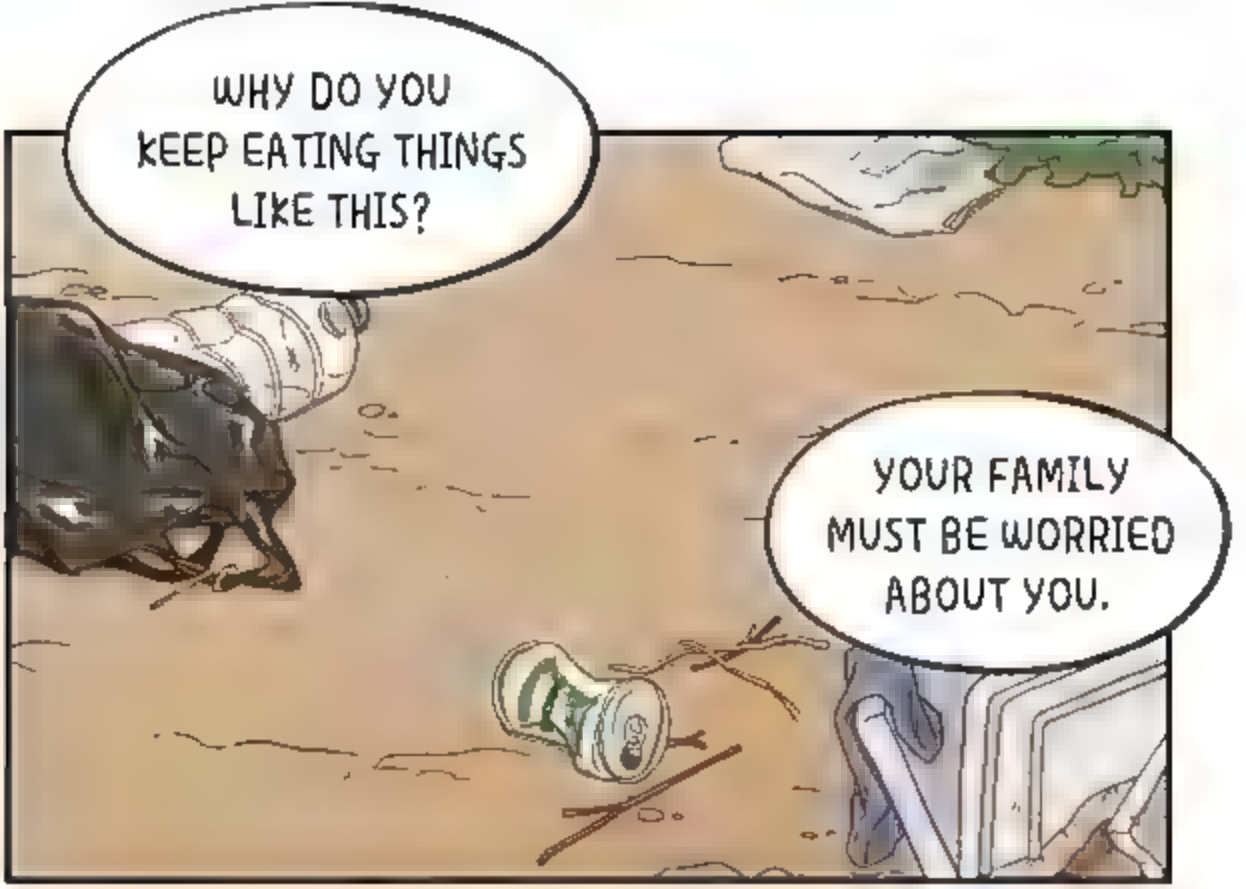

I'VE TALKED TO HIM ABOUT IT SEVERAL TIMES...
...BUT HE SAYS THAT APPEARANCE IS COMFORTABLE.

STEP

GUAHM.

...!
SQUEEZE
...!
YES.
I'M BACK.

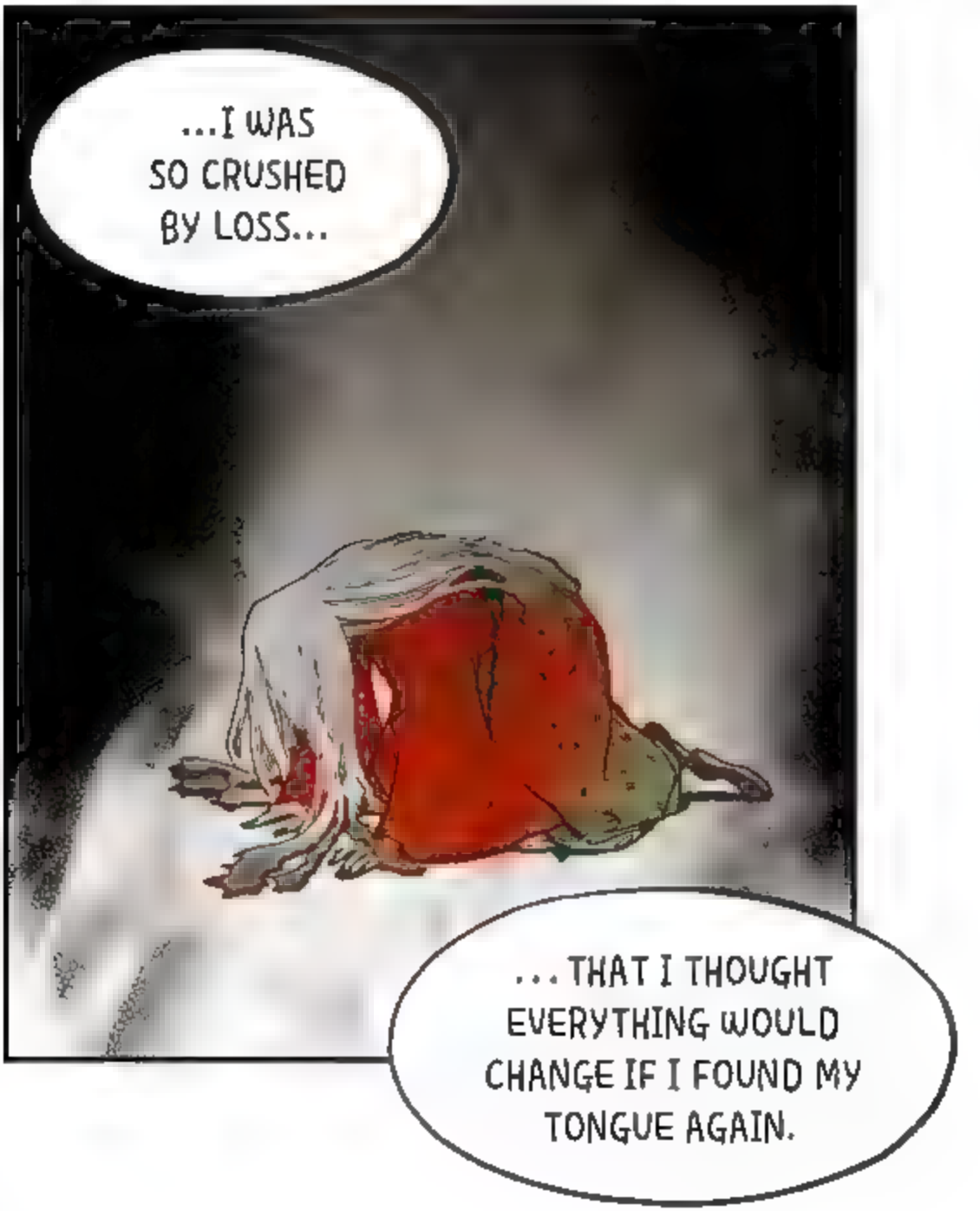

PET
...!
...!
PET
HAHA
IT'S ALL THANKS TO YOU, SIR.

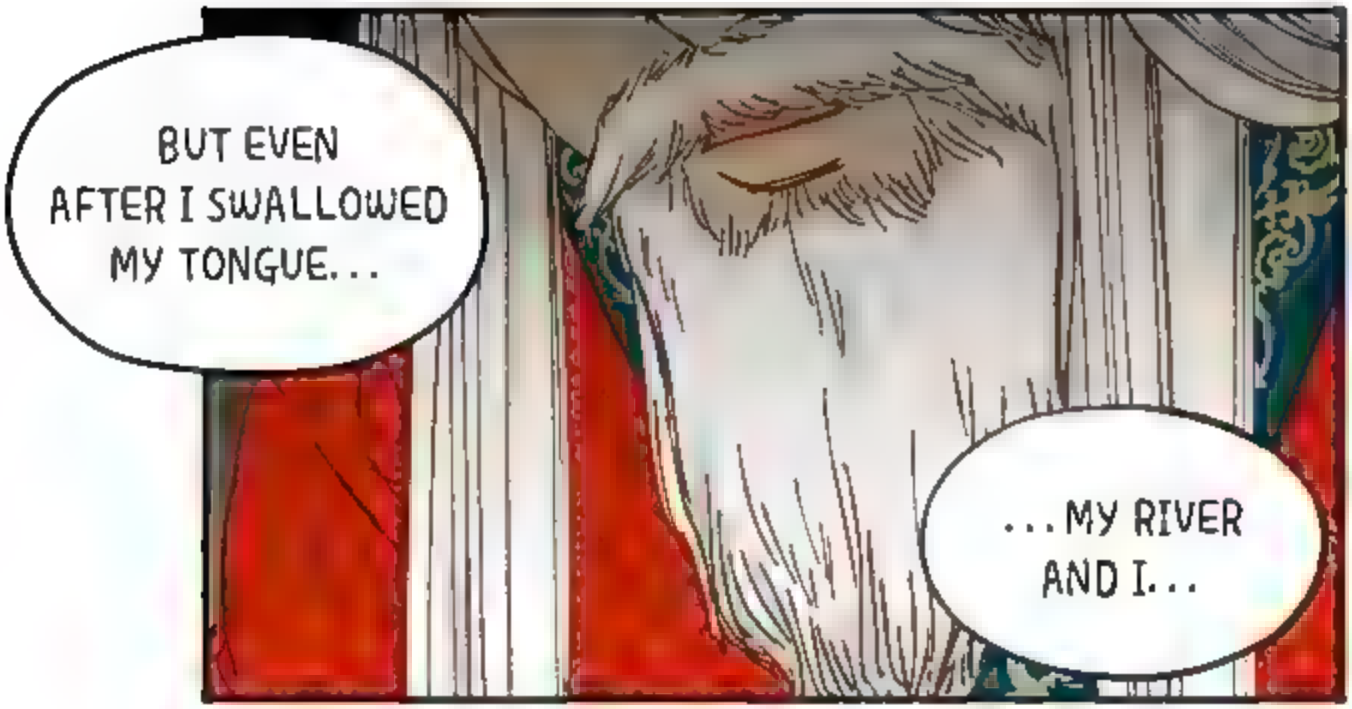

WHY DO YOU KEEP EATING THINGS LIKE THIS?
YOUR FAMILY MUST BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

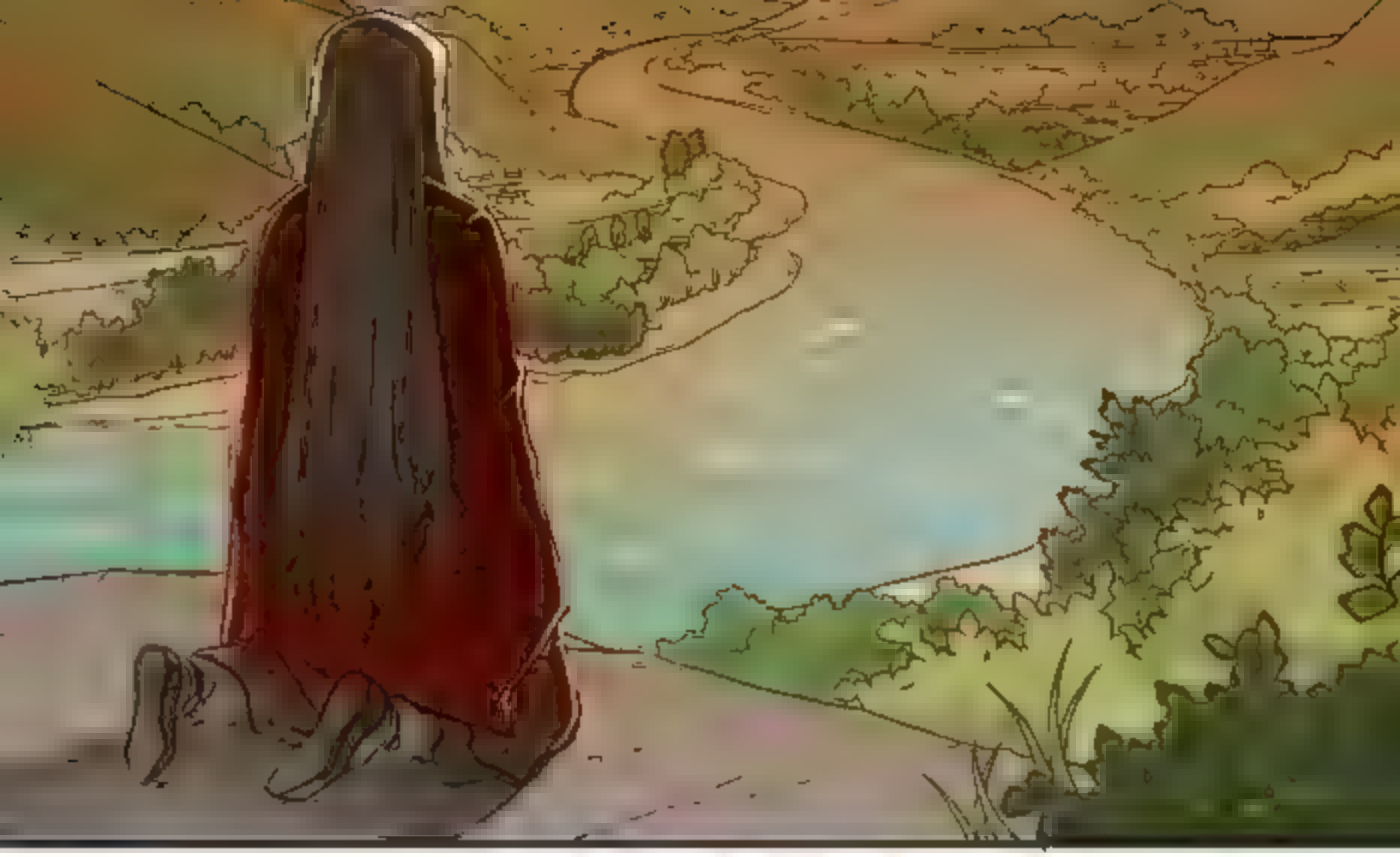
...

BUT STILL...
SHAKE
SHAKE
YOU'VE REGAINED YOUR LOST BODY.

BACK THEN...

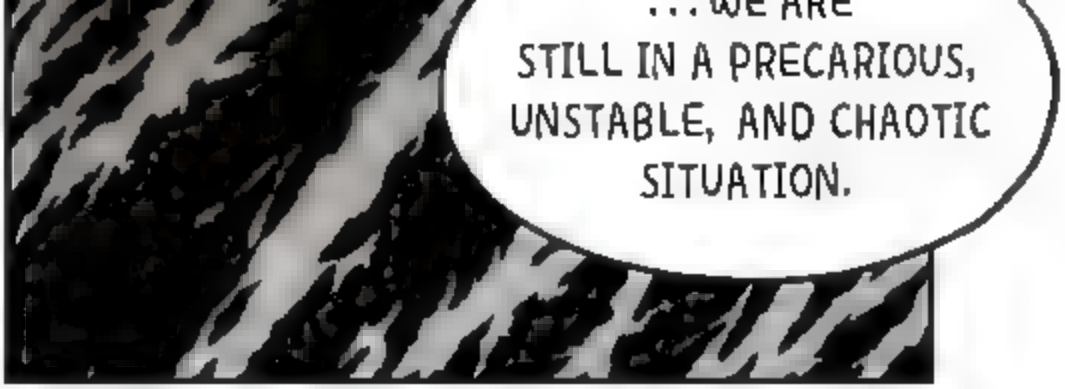

...I WAS SO CRUSHED BY LOSS...
...THAT I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WOULD CHANGE IF I FOUND MY TONGUE AGAIN.

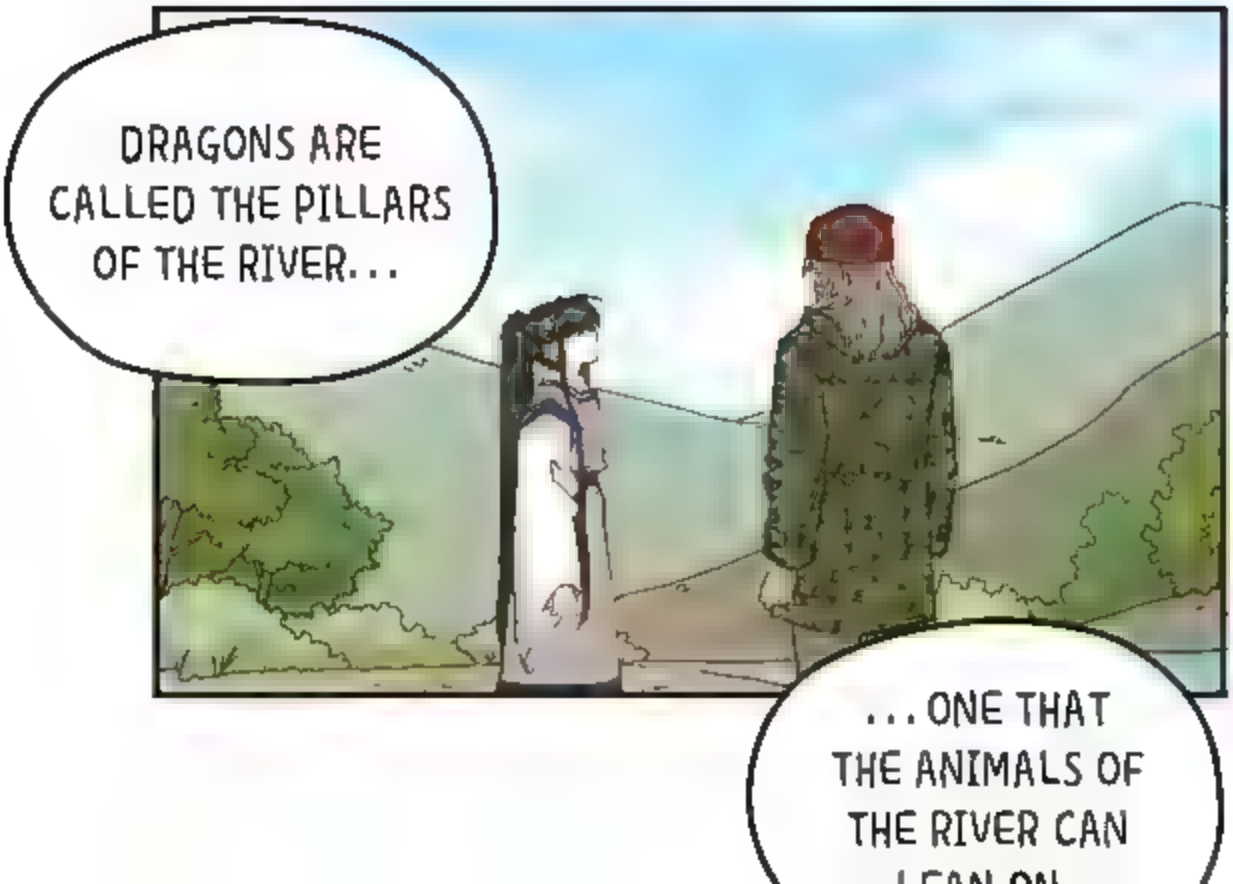

BUT EVEN AFTER I SWALLOWED MY TONGUE...
...MY RIVER AND I...



...WERE THE SAME AS WE HAD ALWAYS BEEN.

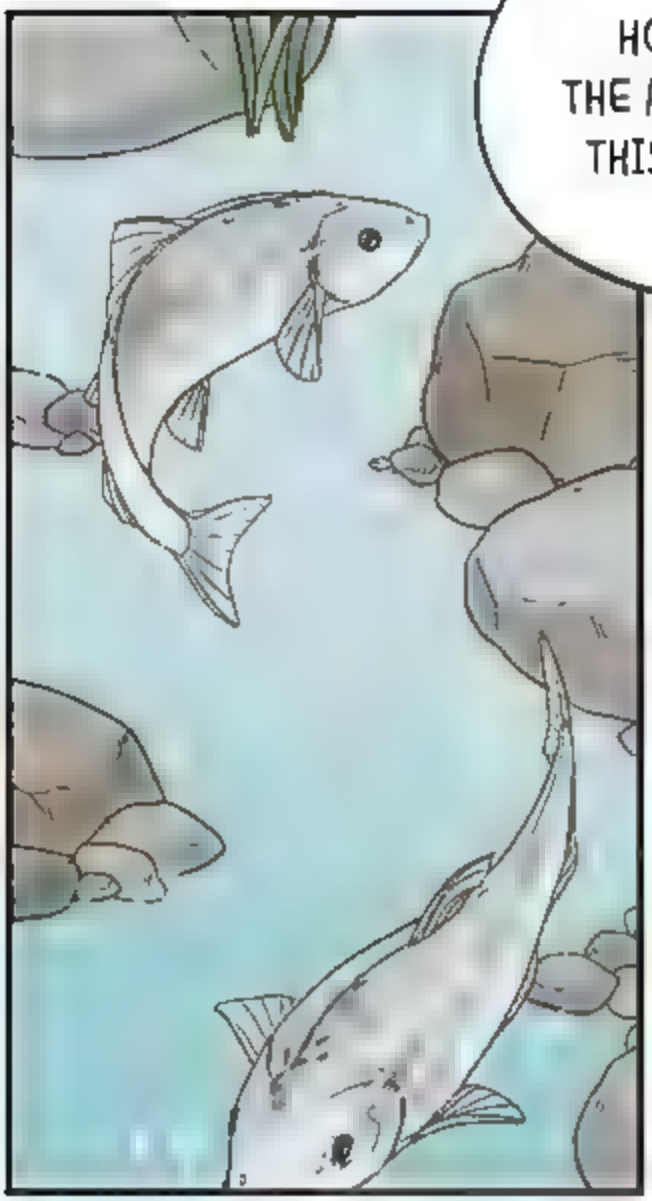
BEFORE THE THREAT OF MEETING THE SAME END AS THE NAKDONG RIVER...

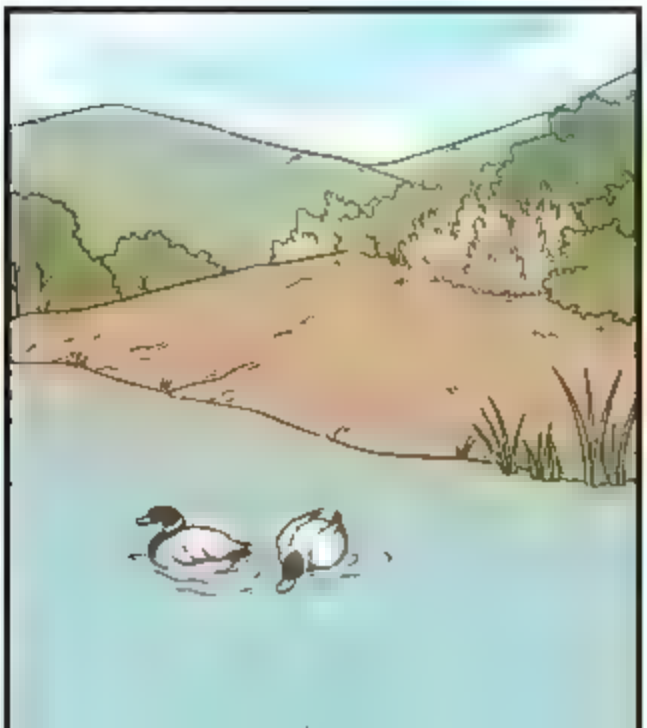

STILL IN A PRECARIOUS, UNSTABLE, AND CHAOTIC SITUATION.


DRAGONS ARE CALLED THE PILLARS OF THE RIVER...
...ONE THAT THE ANIMALS OF THE RIVER CAN

LEAN ON.

HOWEVER, THE ANIMALS OF THIS RIVER...





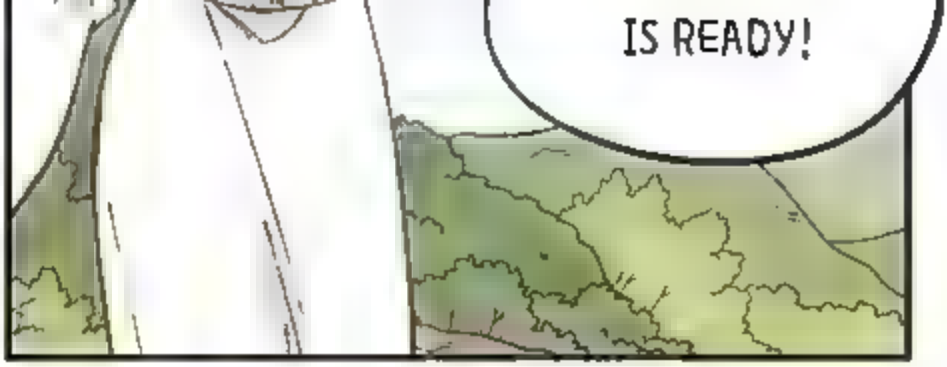
. . . ARE THE ONES WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THIS HUMBLE DRAGON THE WHOLE TIME.
EVEN IF IT SCARES ME, I MUST DO THE JOB THAT IS LEFT TO ME. . .

...SO
THAT I DO NOT
DISAPPOINT
THEM.

ARE YOU DISAPPOINTED?
EVEN THOUGH YOU FOUND MY TONGUE, I AM AS UNIMPRESSIVE AS EVER.

NO.
BACK THEN AND EVEN NOW...
...YOU WERE AND ARE A GREAT DRAGON.

GUAHM!
THE WATER

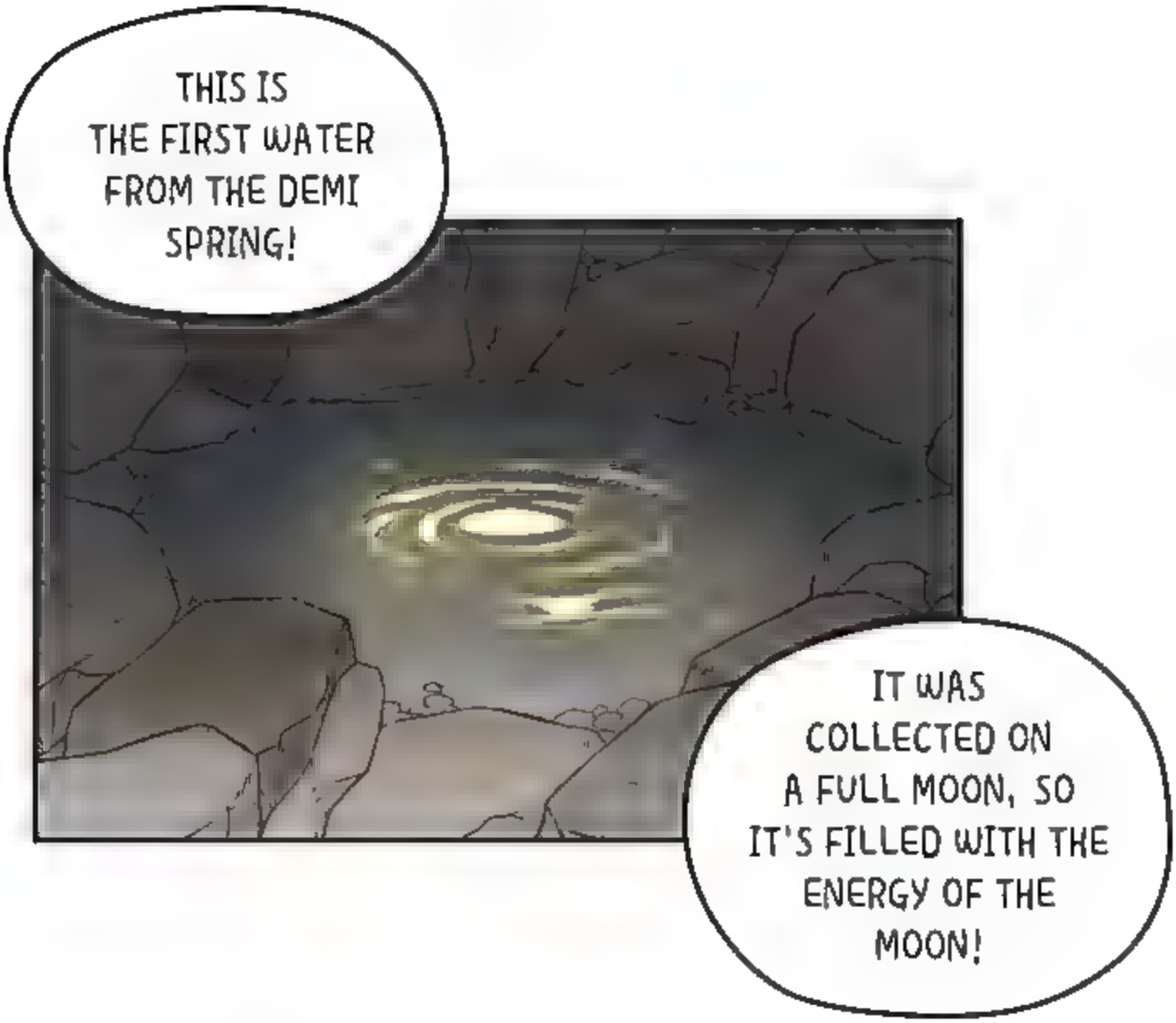

IS READY!

HMM?
WATER...?
NOD

BOOM

WHAT IS THIS?
A LATE OFFERING TO YOUR GUESTS?
GROSS
KUKUKUKU

HOW DARE YOU RUN YOUR MOUTH ABOUT SUCH PRECIOUS WATER!
SLAM
THIS...?


THIS IS THE FIRST WATER FROM THE DEMI SPRING!
IT WAS COLLECTED ON A FULL MOON, SO IT'S FILLED WITH THE ENERGY OF THE MOON!

THE DEMI SPRING?
THE SOURCE

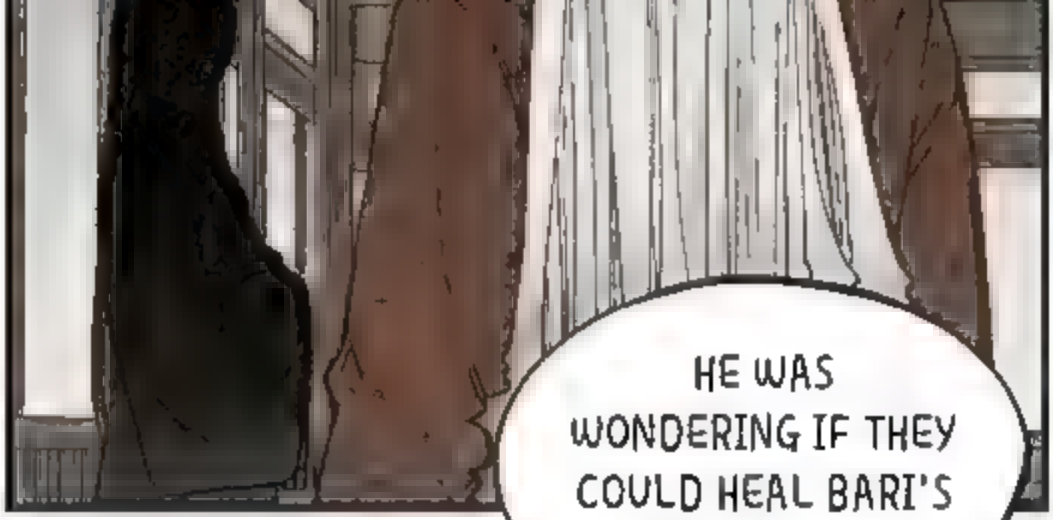
OF THE SEOMJIN RIVER.
YOU'RE SO IGNORANT

CRASH
...!
IGNORANT?
IT IS THE GENESIS OF THE SEOMJIN RIVER'S WATERS.

THIS IS THE PUREST AURA WATER.
GUAHM DIDN'T GO TO THE EASTERN DRAGON PALACE...

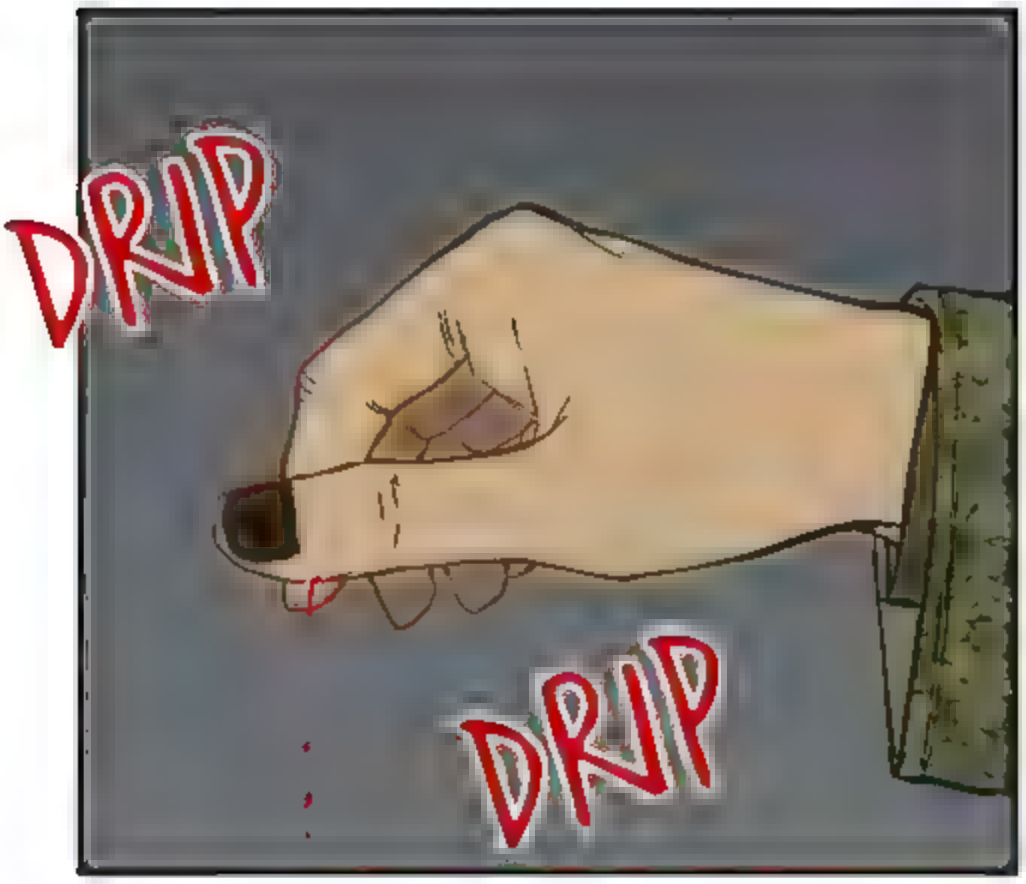
...JUST FOR THE RECOMMENDATION.

ONE OF MY DISTANT RELATIVES IS A SKILLED DOCTOR WHO WORKS THERE.


HE WAS WONDERING IF THEY COULD HEAL BARI'S HAND...

THEY SAID THAT SINCE IT HAD BURNED BECAUSE OF THE SEOMJIN RIVER DRAGON'S TONGUE...

CLEANEST WATER FROM THE SEOMJIN RIVER MIGHT HELP.


DRIP
DRIP

FWOOM

G...
GRAB
GUAHM...?

SPLASH

AH...

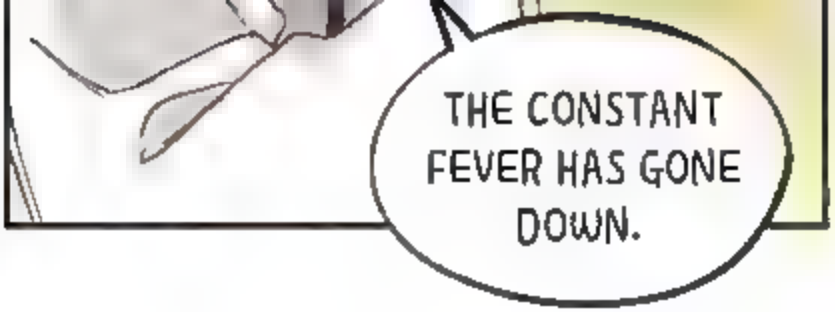
HIS HAND...

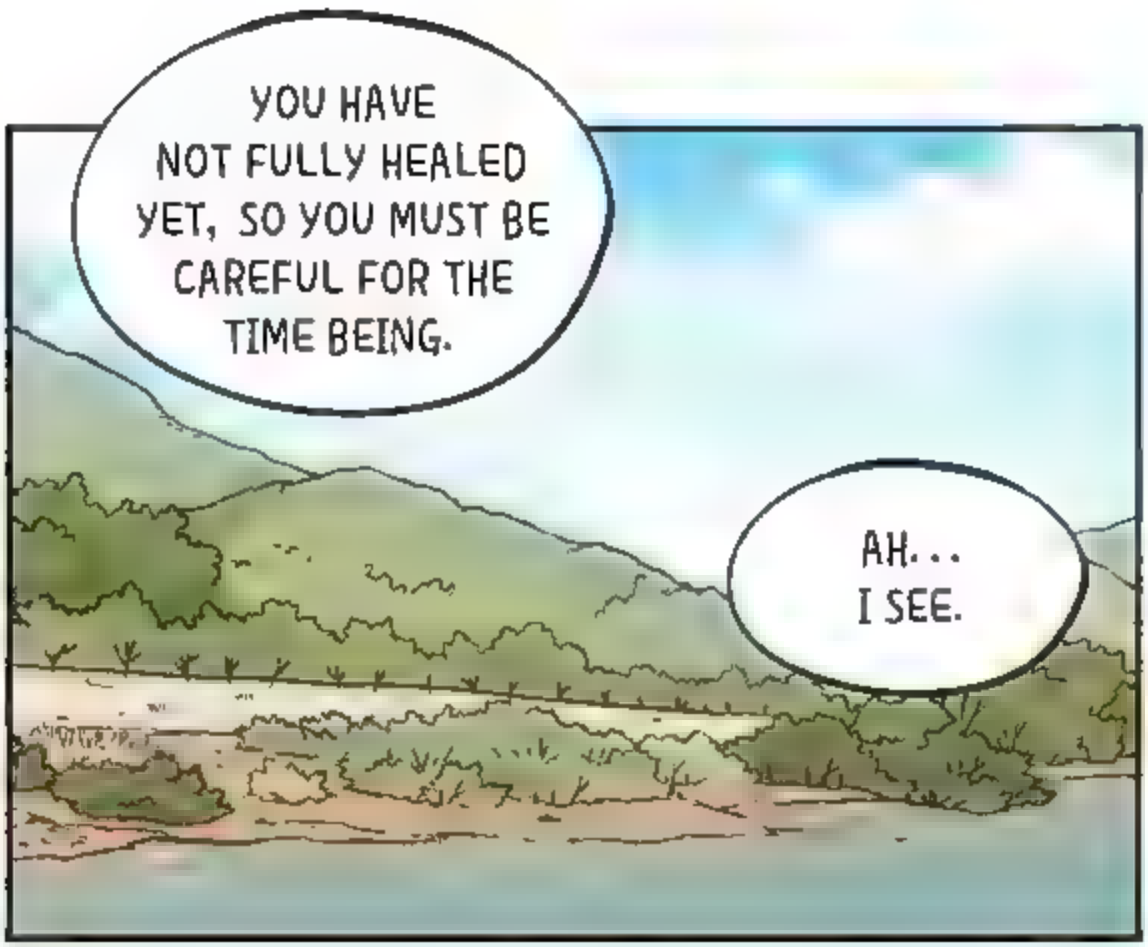
AHOOOOY

HOW IS IT?
ARE YOU OKAY?

AH...

YEAH...


THE CONSTANT FEVER HAS GONE DOWN.


YOU HAVE NOT FULLY HEALED YET, SO YOU MUST BE CAREFUL FOR THE TIME BEING.
AH... I SEE.

THANK YOU,
GUAHM.

I AM WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

TO GO AGAINST THE GEUM RIVER DRAGON...

...THINGS WILL NOT END WITH ONE HAND...

YOU'RE RIGHT.
THE GEUM RIVER DRAGON IS INFAMOUS FOR HIS CRUELTY.

WHO KNOWS WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO YOU NOW THAT HE'S ANGRY AS WELL?

DO YOU THINK YEONGNO IS STILL ALIVE?

...

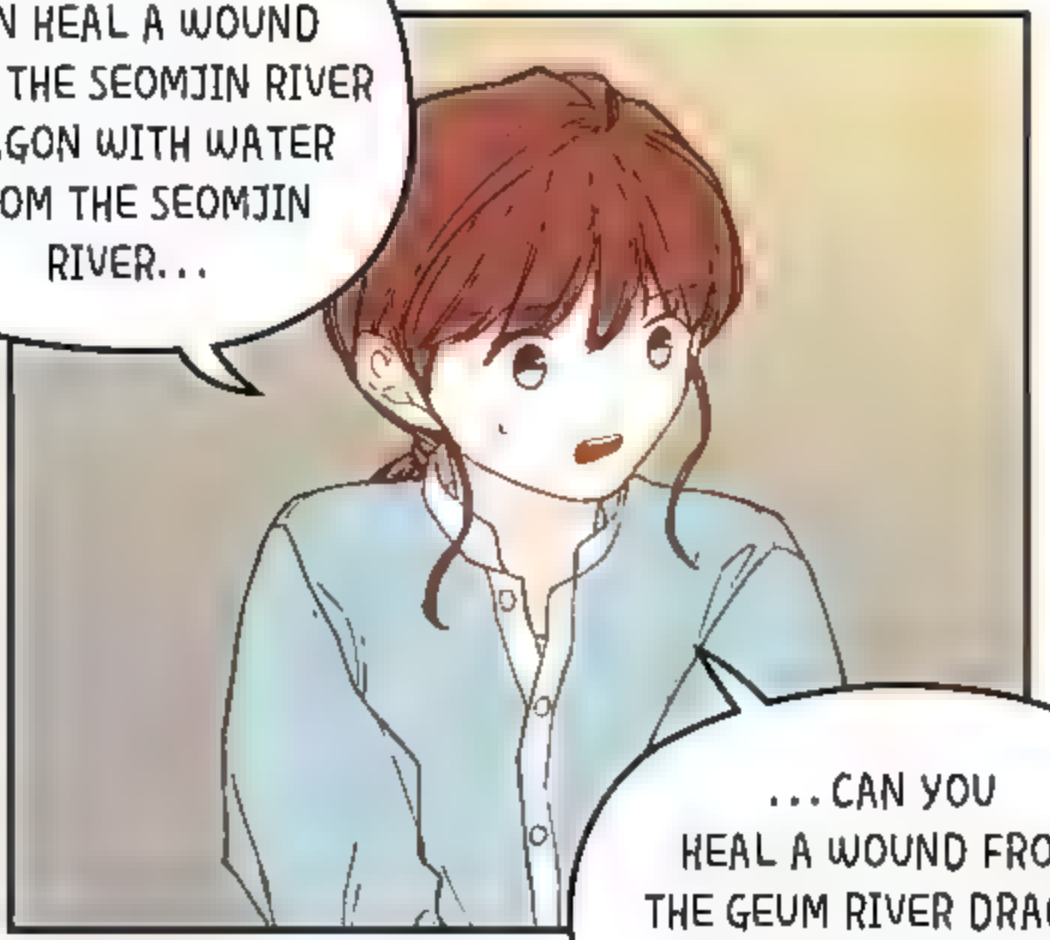
EVEN IF HE'S
A DRAGON...

...
...HE CAN'T COMPLETELY KILL AN IMOOGI.
I--
YOU CAN'T!
SHOUT
WHO ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE LED BY IF SOMETHING

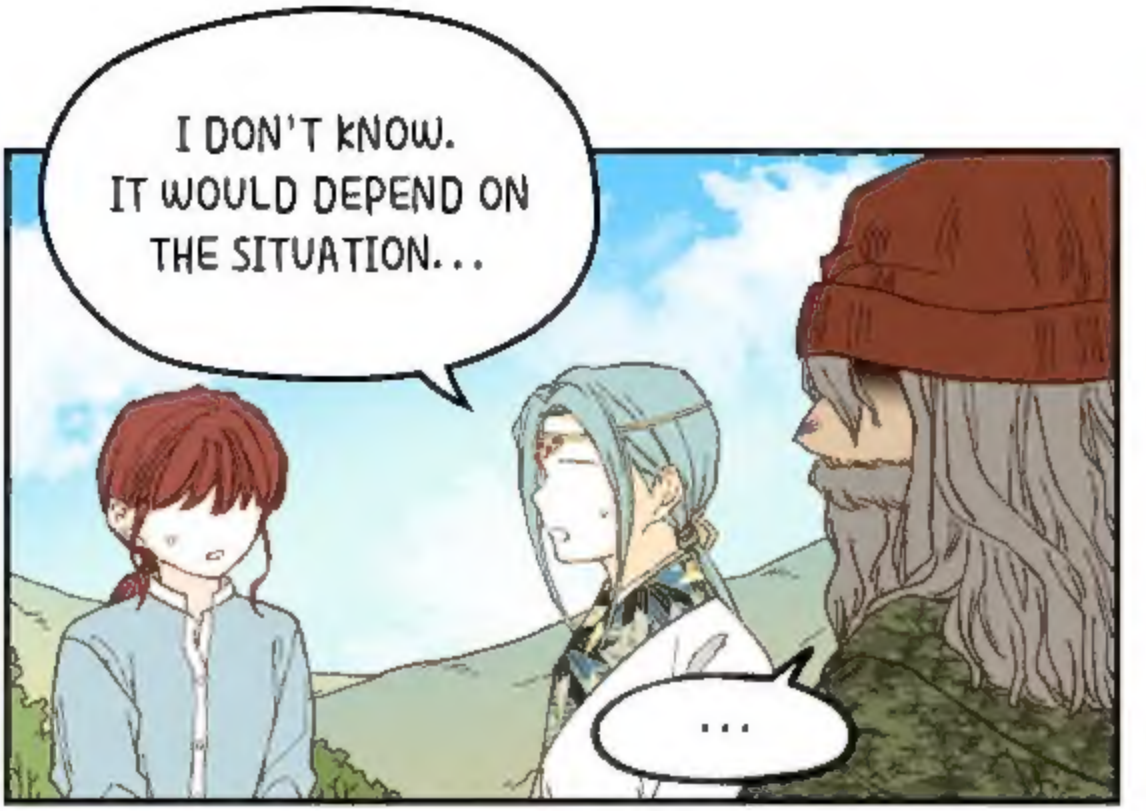
HAPPENS TO YOU?
SIGH...
THE LAST TIME YOU LEFT THE RIVER WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH!
I HAD ALL MY FAITH IN GUAHM,
BUT

I FORGOT ABOUT HIM...

UM... IF YOU CAN HEAL A WOUND FROM THE SEOMJIN RIVER DRAGON WITH WATER FROM THE SEOMJIN RIVER...



...CAN YOU HEAL A WOUND FROM THE GEUM RIVER DRAGON WITH WATER FROM THE GEUM RIVER?



CRASH

CRASH!

GUAHM...?
...

SOMEONE...

BUBBLE

...IS IN
MY RIVER.